

HOUSE RESOLUTION 274

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
General Mills.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize General Mills, whose dedicated service has enabled it to significantly contribute to the economic vitality of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a leading global consumer foods company, General Mills strives to nourish our communities and our world, innovating to make people's lives healthier, easier, and richer; and

WHEREAS, that exemplary innovation includes improving the nutritional profile of sixty-five percent of its U.S. retail products since 2005; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is home to General Mills – Murfreesboro, a plant originally opened in 1979 by Pillsbury that became part of the General Mills family in 2001 when Pillsbury was purchased by General Mills; and

WHEREAS, since that time General Mills – Murfreesboro has expanded rapidly, with over \$250 million invested in plant expansions, which produced 125 new full-time jobs and over 300 construction jobs during the eighteen-month-long building process; and

WHEREAS, today, General Mills – Murfreesboro supports two business units, Pillsbury Dough and Yoplait, and has over 1,000 non-union, team-based employees and receives help from an additional 300 third-party partners on the plant campus every day who work for Fluor Daniels, Sonoco, and Interstate; and

WHEREAS, giving back to their communities, eighty-five percent of the employees of General Mills – Murfreesboro give of their time and talents as volunteers, providing assistance

to such groups and organizations as the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and the Discovery Center; and

WHEREAS, General Mills – Murfreesboro has been heavily involved with the Rutherford and Cannon County United Way for the past ten years, contributing over \$700,000 this past year; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor this exceptional company for its service to its community and its longstanding commitment to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Mills and extend our best wishes for much continued success in Tennessee and around the globe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.